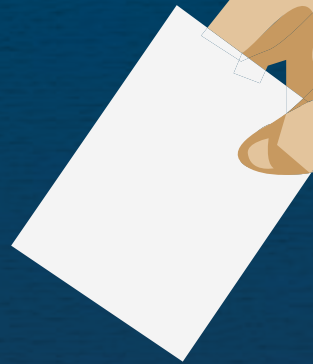


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POLITICAL PARTIES AND ALLIANCES OF POLITICAL PARTIES START PRESENTING SHORTLISTS FOR POLLING STATION BOARDS (PSB)

Activity number 18 of the electoral calendar, published in the official daily The Gazette of the 11th of May 2021, establishes 30th of September as the starting date for the presentation of short lists, by the Political parties and alliances of political parties, this to integrate the PTB. It also establishes 7th of October as the closing date for completing this process.

FUNCTION AND ATRIBUTES OF THE PSB

Electoral Law 331, chapter 4, in articles 24 and 28, establishes the structure as well as the function and attributes of the PSB.

In particular, the attributes of the members of the PSB on election day, in accordance with Article 28 of the Electoral Law, are as follows:

Verify the credentials of their members as well as those of prosecutors and auxiliaries accredited to the PSB.

Guarantee the working rights of the prosecutors of the participant political parties and alliances at all moments during the process in which they participate in the PSB.

Verify that citizens are registered in the corresponding Definitive List of the Electoral Roll, or qualify the inscriptions of citizens according to the requirements of law and approve said inscription if accepted.

Guarantee the exercise of suffrage.

Guarantee that the votes are deposited in the correct urn.

Undertake the scrutiny of the votes.

Guarantee order in the corresponding electoral district during the electoral process.

- Receive and remit appeals and complaints to the Municipal Electoral Council in accordance with the Electoral Law.
- Permit the access of duly accredited electoral escorts to the polling stations.
- Compose the electoral file after scrutiny of each vote.
- Following the period of scrutiny, constitute the sealed electoral bag.
- Post the election results on a notice board outside the PSB.
- Take the act of scrutiny to the Municipal Center of Transmission for its transmission to the SEC.
- Following transmission of the tally sheet, transfer the electoral bag and the electoral file to the Municipal Computing Center.

SEC AND THE ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ADHR) SIGN JOINT AGREEMENT FOR 2021 GENERAL ELECTION

Apropos the 2021 general election to be realized on the 7th of November, in response to a request from the Attorney for the Defense of Human Rights (ADHR), the SEC and the ADHR signed a joint agreement for the accompaniment of Electoral Attorneys.



Giving its long experiences with electoral processes, the ADHR will provide social support and advise to the citizens in the 3,106 polling stations which have been enabled for the general elections on the 7th of November.

In this context, “the presence of the attorneys will be a guarantee of a culture of ethics, respect, transparency and peace” stated the SEC president Brenda Rocha.

In her intervention, attorney for the defense of human rights, Darling Rios, stated that this organism “celebrates and accompanies this democratic process that guarantees the right to vote, which is for us a commitment and great satisfaction to be able to undertake this accompaniment throughout the country”.

The accompaniment of electoral attorneys has the principal objective of promoting, among all actors in the election, a culture of quality, ethics and transparency in each phase of the electoral process.

In the same way, insofar as the citizens exercise of their political rights is concerned, the ADHR will produce an integral report on the different elements of the electoral process in order to offer an objective, impartial input as to the quality, guarantee, protection of and respect for human rights.

Agreement



**CONVENIO DE ACOMPAÑAMIENTO ELECTORAL
ENTRE EL CONSEJO SUPREMO ELECTORAL Y
PROCURADURIA PARA LA DEFENSA DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS
(CSE-PDDH)
"ELECCIONES GENERALES 2021"**

Nosotras, Darling Carolina Ríos Munguía, Procuradora para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (PDDH), actuando en representación de esta entidad y Brenda Isabel Rocha Chacón, Presidenta del Consejo Supremo Electoral, actuando en representación de este Poder del Estado, acordamos celebrar el presente convenio:

CONSIDERANDO

I

Que la Constitución Política de la República, promueve como presupuestos básicos la defensa y tutela de los derechos humanos y por tanto, la creación y el fortalecimiento de instituciones de vigilancia y control de la actividad del Estado, como es la Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos.

II

Que el Consejo Supremo Electoral por disposición Constitucional, es el Poder del Estado facultado para organizar y regular los Procesos Electorales Nacionales.

III

Que la Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (PDDH), en la promoción de defensa de los derechos políticos, de acuerdo a la experiencia Electoral, ha solicitado al Consejo Supremo Electoral la participación en el Acompañamiento Electoral Nacional, en las "Elecciones Generales del 2021" a verificarse el siete de noviembre del año dos mil veintiuno y que por resolución del Consejo Supremo Electoral esta solicitud ha sido autorizada.

**IV**

Que la Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (PDDH), cuenta con experiencia manifiesta en distintos procesos electorales en el campo nacional e internacional, experiencia que ha sido de alta ponderación técnica y profesional.

V

Que la Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (PDDH), computa desde el año 2004 con un seguimiento de verificación desde el punto de vista de los Derechos Humanos, como garante de los Derechos Políticos, en materia de fortalecimiento de la democracia, y que tiene los siguientes objetivos:

- Contribuir con las Instituciones nacionales del Estado, Gobierno y la sociedad civil a garantizar dentro de un Estado de Derecho, la seguridad de las personas y los derechos humanos.
- Velar por el cumplimiento del respeto de los derechos políticos contemplados en la Constitución Política de la República, desde el punto de vista de los Derechos Humanos, de parte de los órganos de la administración pública.
- Coadyuvar al fortalecimiento de los derechos electorales como defensa de los Derechos Humanos, para lograr una sociedad libre y justa, que posibilite el desarrollo de los valores morales y políticos, así como la educación, la defensa, promoción y divulgación de los derechos humanos en su sentido más amplio.
- Contribuir al fortalecimiento de los procesos electorales y con ello a la consolidación de la democracia y la participación ciudadana en nuestro país.



- Fortalecer la formación integral y compromiso social de los funcionarios de la Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos, al ser partícipes activos del proceso electoral desde una perspectiva institucional y con visión de nación.
- Promover entre todos los actores de estas elecciones una cultura de calidad, ética, respeto y transparencia en todas y cada una de las fases y momentos del proceso electoral.
- Elaborar un informe integral de los elementos del Proceso Electoral "Elecciones Generales 2021", en lo concerniente al respeto de los Derechos Humanos en el ejercicio de los derechos políticos de los ciudadanos, a fin de ofrecer un aporte objetivo e imparcial, sobre la calidad y garantía de la protección y respeto de los Derechos Humanos.

CONVENIMOS


1. La Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (PDDH), cubrirá con presencia de Procuradores de Derechos Humanos en los 3106 Centros de Votación del país y cumplirá cabalmente con las disposiciones administrativas que dicte el Consejo Supremo Electoral.
2. Al final del Proceso Electoral "**Elecciones Generales 2021**" la Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (PDDH), brindará un testimonio nacional confiable, mediante un informe técnico que contará con recomendaciones para contribuir al perfeccionamiento de estos procesos en materia de Derecho Humanos y lo pondrá a disposición del Consejo Supremo Electoral.
3. La Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (PDDH), establecerá coordinaciones y convenios de ayuda mutua con organismos




de Defensa de Derechos Humanos para contribuir al perfeccionamiento de los procesos electorales en el país.

4. El Consejo Supremo Electoral garantizará la acreditación de los participantes de la Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (PDDH), para que gocen de los derechos y prerrogativas que establece este Poder del Estado.
5. El Consejo Supremo Electoral brindará las facilidades y apoyo necesario para garantizar la participación a nivel de Centros de Votación y en los centros de escrutinio, además proveerá toda la información que sea necesaria y pertinente.

En la ciudad de Managua firmamos en dos ejemplares de un mismo contenido a los veintinueve días del mes de septiembre del año dos mil veintiuno.


 Brenda Isabel Rocha Chacón
 Magistrada Presidenta
 Consejo Supremo Electoral


 Darling Carolina Ríos Munguía
 Procuradora para la
 Defensa de los Derechos Humanos

8th of October last day for Accreditation of Electoral Prosecutors

In accordance with the electoral calendar, the participant political parties have until the 8th of October to request of the SEC the accreditation of their prosecutors for each one of their PSB throughout the country.

In compliance with article 29, paragraph 2 of electoral law 331, the SEC provided initial training for all legal representatives and technical personal of the parties and alliances of parties, in the use a new digital platform for the register and accreditation of the prosecutors, and for the presentation of the shortlists of members of PSB.

The organizations participating in this electoral process will accredit online more than 190 thousand citizens in order to fully oversee the electoral activity, without any limitations and in accordance with that established in our electoral law.



This SEC, through the General Direction of Information Technology and the General Direction Support to Political Parties, makes itself permanently available to all political parties and alliances of political parties, providing the support needed for the correct use of this IT tool, thus facilitating the online identification of their prosecutors.

The accreditation of prosecutors must obey the principal of gender equity and alternation, guarantying 50% women and 50% men in the list of prosecutors for each party and political alliance.

The SEC reaffirms its commitment to continue strengthening democracy, peace and tranquility, working constantly to guarantee a free, just and transparent electoral process.

Upcoming activities of the Electoral Calendar



Electoral campaign period	25th of September to 3rd of November
Presentation of shortlists of political parties and alliances of political parties to integrate the members of the 2021 PSB	30th of September to 7th of October
Final day for requesting the accreditation of prosecutors	8th of October
Final day for providing the political parties and alliances of political parties with the credentials of the prosecutors	28th of October
Appointment of the members of the PSBs	10th to the 14th of October
Inauguration of members of the PSBs	31th of October
Period for press corps to attend SEC briefings in order to diffuse timely information on the electoral process	4th to the 6th of November
Suffrage and transmission of the scrutinized results to the National Computing Center	7th of November



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